REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment After Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and reconsider the application as amended for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place the claims in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal. The following remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2005.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,773,994 of Jones ("Jones").

Claim 3 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-6 have been allowed. Therefore the following remarks are directed to the objected and rejected claims.

Status of Claims

Claims 3-6 are pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones. It is submitted that claims 1-2 and 7-10 have been canceled and, therefore, the rejection with respect to claims 1-2 and 7-10 is moot.

Claim 3 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been amended to be rewritten in independent format to include all the limitations of its original base claim 1 and intervening claim 2. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 3 is in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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